

SBAR – LPHA Mutual Aid Progress
LPHA Mutual Aid Subcommittee
January 22, 2016

Situation: At its November 18, 2015 meeting, the DAC voted to recommend the termination of the Intergovernmental Mutual Aid Agreement for Local Public Health Agencies of the State of Missouri for LPHAs who have signed and requested an update on progress of development of the LPHA Annex to the MoSCOPE (Missouri Systems Concept of Operational Planning for Emergencies). MoSCOPE is used by other public safety agencies participating in mutual aid under the same state statute.

Background: The authority for public safety agencies to participate in statewide mutual aid is contained in Missouri statute under 44.090 RSMo and 70.837 RSMo. Public safety agencies, in statute, include public health and medical personnel. In the process of working with SEMA for the development of procedures for operationalizing the LPHA mutual aid agreement, the LPHA Mutual Aid Subcommittee has become aware of a provision of the FEMA Disaster Assistance Policy that states, “The reimbursement provision of a mutual aid agreement must not be contingent on a declaration of an emergency, major disaster, or fire by the Federal government.” Thus, any agreement must be silent on reimbursement. Section Five of the existing LPHA mutual aid agreement signed by several LPHAs has language that addresses the reimbursement of responding entities.

Assessment: Draft language for rescinding signed mutual aid agreements was emailed to all LPHA administrators. Additionally, informational webinars were hosted for LPHAs on November 24 and December 1, 2015. The LPHA Mutual Aid Subcommittee developed the attached process and forms. A session is planned to share information about principles of mutual aid with all LPHAs at the DHSS and LPHA Public Health Conference on March 2, 2016.

Recommendation/Request: The LPHA Mutual Aid Subcommittee requests feedback on draft process and forms.